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Mitsugu Sato et al.

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For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS  
AND CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM  
IRRADIATION METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.